



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of: )  
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Marilyn E. KARAMAN, *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1724  
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Application Number: 09/646,347 ) Examiner Ivars C. CINTINS  
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Filed: January 4, 2001 ) Confirmation No. 8741  
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For: METHOD OF WATER )  
PURIFICATION )

**REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 4, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of all rejections in view of these amendments and the following remarks.

The claim amendments submitted herein are believed to be in compliance with the amendment practice set forth in revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. No new matter has been added by these amendments as they are fully supported by the specification (*e.g.*, page 1, line 7 and page 4, line 28).

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this Reply.

*In sum, claims 1, 4, 6-8, and 27 are currently amended.*

*Claims 2, 3, 5, 9, and 10 remain unchanged.*

*Claims 11-26 have been cancelled.*

*Claims 1-10 and 27 are currently pending.*

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this Reply.